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## Image survey rates MTSU third among area colleges

By CHRIS BELL  
Managing Editor

Residents of Middle Tennessee perceive of MTSU as the region's 'third university' behind the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University, according to a survey commissioned by MTSU.

The Middle Tennessee State University Image Study, Summary and Interpretation was prepared by Robert O. Wyatt, professor of mass communications at MTSU. The survey, commissioned by the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Relations, was a sample of 387 scientifically selected adults from the 39

counties constituting Middle Tennessee.

The survey was commissioned to determine the public perception of MTSU and possible steps to improve that image, according to MTSU Director of Public Relations Dot Harrison.

One result of the survey, is \$10,000 committed by MTSU President Sam Ingram, for radio and television advertising to increase the university's visibility, Harrison said.

In a section where "respondents were asked to score 27 universities on 0-to-100 scales, where 100 represents

the most desirable school," MTSU was ranked third with a rating of 73.4. Vanderbilt University (82.2) and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (79.1) were first and second, respectively. Tennessee Technological University was tied with MTSU at 73.4.

"It's a decent school," Wyatt said, describing the survey's results. "I don't think anyone has ever said that the school is a center of elitist and rigorous academic activity. I think public perception is pretty accurate — it's a good school."

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## Stevens: frats too good for hazing

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
News Editor

Fraternities and sororities are philanthropic organizations which work for the good of their communities — which does not fit with hazing practices of some groups, an anti-hazing lobbyist said.

"To me fraternities and sororities stand for the words honor, trust, leadership, brotherhood and sisterhood — the word hazing does not fit," said Eileen Stevens, founder of CHUCK, the Committee to Halt Useless College Killings.

"I believe in the Greek system."

Eileen Stevens, anti-hazing lobbyist

Stevens founded the organization after her son, Chuck, was killed during the initiation ceremony at a fraternity at Alfred University in New York.

Reasons given for hazing, mentally or physically abusing new members of an organization prior to giving them full membership, tall flat, Stevens told approximately 125 Greeks at a Greek Leadership Conference Saturday sponsored by the



Eileen Stevens

foundation of any fraternity or sorority," Stevens added. "Your fraternities were founded for good, pure reasons."

Despite what happened to her son, Stevens said she still believes in the Greek system.

"I am not anti-fraternity or anti-sorority — just opposed to hazing and other abuses," she said. "I believe in the Greek system."

"I have seen what you have accomplished," she told the fraternities and sororities present. "I have seen your blood drives, your enthusiasm and your philanthropy."

While 25 states have anti-hazing legislation, federal statutes are needed to stop the "senseless" deaths caused by the practice, she said.

State legislators are slow to pass anti-legislation laws because they, like many others, believe existing states laws apply to hazing deaths and injuries — but that is not the case, Stevens said.

"Many people think existing laws apply to hazing," she said. "They don't — because pledges consent

to the practice."

Stevens said her son died during "Hell Week" for the Klan Alpine fraternity, the oldest and strongest

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## Committee nixes county payroll tax attorney general rules it complex

By KIM HARRIS  
Senior Staff Writer

Last night the Rutherford County Steering Legislative and Governmental Committee voted to drop the proposed payroll tax issue.

"It's a dead issue," Joe Hayes, chairman of the committee said.

The proposed payroll tax would have cost the average worker \$152 a year. The money would have been used to cover a projected \$6 to \$10

million deficit in the 1988-89 fiscal year budget.

According to Hayes, the Attorney General ruled that the payroll was too complex and unconstitutional.

"I think we need an income tax, but we would have to restructure the tax structure," Hayes said.

"The County Technical Service has said a local income tax applied

to one county is unconstitutional."

One proposal for consideration, the impact fee, is currently unfeasible.

The impact fee would be a tax levied on a per square foot basis on subdivision contractors and would add revenue to some Rutherford County systems.

"We need the added revenue for our schools," Hayes said, "but the

state legislature will only consider the money for roads, sewer and water [systems]."

Hayes said he did not know if the property tax, ranked 75th in the state, would be raised to accommodate the budget deficit.

He did agree, however, that Rutherford Countians are being "taxed to death" with severance, wheel, motel, property and sales taxes.

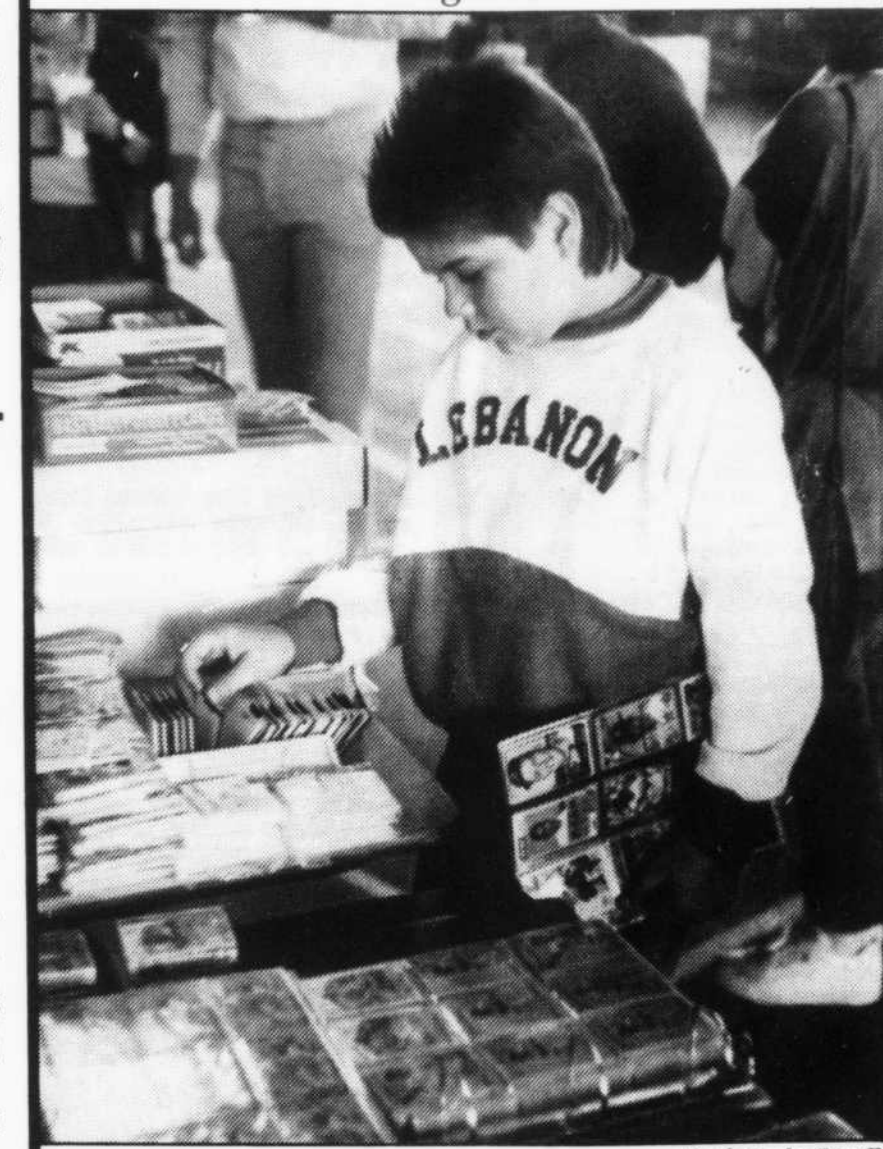
## Du Pont man of answers but little support

By M.A. BROWN  
Editorial Editor

Republican presidential candidate Pete du Pont calls himself "Tomorrow's Leader," but it may be a very distant future before a du Pont Administration occupies the White House.

The former Delaware governor aligns himself far to the ideological right. However, even though he holds to conservative beliefs, his campaign has generated only a paltry amount of conservative support.

Finding a hero



Louie Bennett, 11, browses through baseball cards looking for his favorite players at the baseball card show in Murphy Center Saturday. Please see page nine for an article on the show.

At this stage in the presidential race, du Pont is still in the single digits in polls of probable Republican voters in Iowa and New Hampshire. The candidate is running far behind most of the other Republicans in campaign contributions.

The main obstacle in du Pont's path is national exposure. Most voters have no idea who du Pont is or what he stands for. This is a real shame.

### News Analysis

Du Pont may be the best problem solver the Republican Party has to offer in 1988 other than his fellow conservative Jack Kemp.

Throughout the early stages of his campaign, du Pont has proven that he is a candidate who is not afraid to take a stand.

On social issues, du Pont has come out against abortion, gun control and raising taxes.

However, on the issues of Social Security and welfare he has offered two interesting programs to correct the errors in the existing programs.

The Work and Family Responsibility Plan, is du Pont's answer to the United States' current welfare system.

Under the WFRP, Aid to Families with Dependent Children [AFDC] and related programs would be replaced with a job program that would offer jobs to able-bodied potential workers at \$3 per hour or 90 percent of the current minimum wage.

Secondly, the program would increase the Earned Income Tax Credit from the current maximum of \$550 to a maximum of \$3,300 for a family with four or more children.

Lastly, WFRP would amend child support enforcement laws so that non-custodial parents would

be required to work and pay child support.

WFRP would be beneficial to the country if implemented.

As du Pont has said, "Instead of a handout, we need to supply poor people with a job and everything that comes with it."

First of all, under the job program many workers who are now unemployed would be given the opportunity to pull their own weight. Teenagers would also be eligible for employment under the plan and, therefore, a large number of young people would have a better chance in obtaining training in a skill.

By increasing the EITC, the federal government would be allowing a vast number of families to increase their yearly income, thereby giving them the chance to support their children properly.

Finally, the program would put a fair burden of support on the backs of non-custodial parents, and remove the load from single parents and taxpayers where it now rests.

Du Pont also proposes a major restructuring of the Social Security system under his Financial Security Program.

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## Magazine supplement to fill paper's void: editor

From Staff Reports

"There is too much happening that just doesn't get covered right now, and that's where *Distractions* comes in," *Sidelines* Managing Editor Christopher Bell said, describing the paper's new entertainment magazine.

"We want to cover what MTSU students are interested in, and what they should be interested in," Bell said. "In this issue we'll have an article on zoos, and an article on The Blind Farmers From Hell. If it distracts you, it should be in *Distractions*."

The first edition of the entertainment tabloid, scheduled for March 7, is a pilot issue.

"We'll see how advertisers and students feel about it, and if response is positive we may publish it monthly next year," Bell said. "*Sidelines* does a very good job at what it does, though I may be pre-

judiced since I work there, but it can't give enough space to all the movies, bands, plays, and other events in the area."

"Journalism students also need training in magazine writing, since the style is different from newspaper style," Bell added. "This will be on-the-job training for anyone interested in working for a magazine."

"I want to get people from every area of campus involved," Bell said. "Ideally we should have a story about computer hackers next to one about guitar heroes, coverage of a livestock show next to previews of fall fashions. To do that, we need involvement from everyone."

"Middle Tennessee is growing like a football player on steroids, which makes this a very interesting place to be," Bell said. "*Distractions* will reflect the way the area is changing."

Give it a tune up



Dan Rembold, owner of Rembold's Piano and String Shop, tunes a Chickering piano in his store. Please see photo story on page 10.

Frank Conley Staff

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## Stock market simulation organized

By CHRIS BELL  
Managing Editor

State residents will soon get a chance to play the stock market without the risk of losing their shirts, thanks to a program co-sponsored by MTSU's Economics Department.

"It's a good way to get students interested in the world of business and economics," Bobby N. Corcoran, a professor in MTSU's department of economics and finance, said. Corcoran is the state co-ordinator of the game in Tennessee.

"Nationally, the organizing framework is provided by the Securities Industry Association, a group made up of participants in the securities industry," Corcoran said. "The game is going to be

played in about 43 states this spring."

Locally, the contest is co-sponsored by *The Tennessean*, according to Lucy Randles, coordinator for the *The Tennessean's* newspaper-in-education program. Newspapers in east and west Tennessee are also sponsoring games.

Teams compete in three categories, adult, high school and elementary and middle school, according to Randles. For ten weeks these teams will simulate buying and selling stocks with an imaginary \$100,000 account.

"It's as realistic as the world can be," Corcoran said. "They play by filling out a computer card. Each card contains a transaction — we

collect them and process them once a week and mail back their portfolios once a week." Processing of the cards is done by MTSU's computer center.

"The computer center does an excellent job on this," Corcoran said. "We couldn't do it without them." While each section of the state has its own contest, MTSU processes all of the contestant's cards.

Funding for the contest is obtained from the contestant's entry fees, according to Corcoran. Students pay \$11 for a team and adult teams, which may have up to five members, pay \$25.

"The [student] teams that win, win a cash prize from the newspaper," Corcoran said.

"The game places the importance of the stock market in perspective and they begin to ask questions about how the economic system is put together," Corcoran said.

### Black History Month activities start

The United Student Association is sponsoring a film, "Shakazulu," on the history of the Zulu nation of Africa to begin Black History Month activities, said Ted White, director of minority affairs.

"Shakazulu" is a black historical mini-series dealing with probably the most powerful African tribe — the Zulu nation," White said.

### du Pont from page 1

This program would maintain the existing Social Security program. However, individuals would be allowed to contribute to a Financial Security Account [FSA], thereby increasing their returns upon retirement. Individuals who contribute to an FSA would also be given a 100 percent tax credit for their contributions.

The idea behind the FSA is that people should be allowed to take on more of the responsibility for their retirement.

In fact, these and many of the other programs du Pont has proposed are solid ideas which would move this country in the right direction. Unfortunately, these ideas will probably never make it to the White House.

[Editor's note: This is the fourth of a thirteen part series on the presidential candidates. Friday's issue will focus on Richard Cephardt. Please see page four for editorial views from the left and right of the political spectrum on Pete du Pont.]

## Campus

### Briefs

#### U.S.A. slates voter registration drive

The United Students Association is sponsoring a voter registration drive this week.

"Our goal is to have every student registered on this campus by Friday," president Constance Edwards said yesterday.

Registration will be held Feb. 2-5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Keathley University Center Basement.

Student and Rutherford County volunteers will be on hand to help with the registration procedures, making this a county-wide effort.

"A lot of students really didn't understand the procedure because no one had ever explained it to them," Edwards said.

"I demonstrated to my speech class a three minute procedure. It's really very simple."

Edwards said the most common excuses students use for not registering are saying they are going home to register when, in actuality, they do not, thinking their vote will not count and that voting is a waste of time.

By Kim Harris

#### Giving blood not AIDS cause: official

There is no way to get the acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus from donating blood, said Nancy McGill, executive director of the Rutherford County Red Cross.

"The needle used to stick you is used one time and one time only," McGill said. "Once it is used it is thrown away."

While intravenous drug users do transmit the AIDS virus by sharing needles, McGill said this because a small amount of blood stays in the needle when it is shared.

The Reserve Officers Training Corps on campus is sponsoring a blood drive in Room 318 of the Keathley University Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 10 and Feb. 11, McGill said.

The Middle Tennessee Valley Blood Region is currently low on blood, she said, adding the MTSU goal is 180 pints.

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The Placement Office will conduct career placement orientation for seniors and graduate students on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and Thursday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 324. Students interested in participating in the campus interview program should attend this orientation.

A Creative Expressions panel program will be presented by students in the Public Relations Student Society of America at MTSU on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center.

The Mathematics Organization of MTSU will meet Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in KOM 360. MTSU's own Lora Clark will present "What to Do With a Math Major Besides Teach."

Male cheerleaders are being sought by the MTSU Cheerleaders. Deadline for filing an application is Feb. 5, 1988. For more information call 898-2822.

President's Club meets Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 5 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center. Every campus organization is invited to attend. Send the highest ranking officer or a representative.

The Society of Broadcast Students will meet Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. People interested in becoming new members are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in Studio A of the Learning Resources Center.

Pi Sigma Epsilon, MTSU's leading business fraternity, invites students of all majors to attend interest meetings this week: Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in Keathley University Center Room 324 or Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in Dining Room B of the James Union Building. For more information contact Angie Fry at 898-4316.

The Honors Lecture Series presents "Television Networks and Alternatives" by Robert Spires, MTSU department of mass communications, Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Room 107 of Peck Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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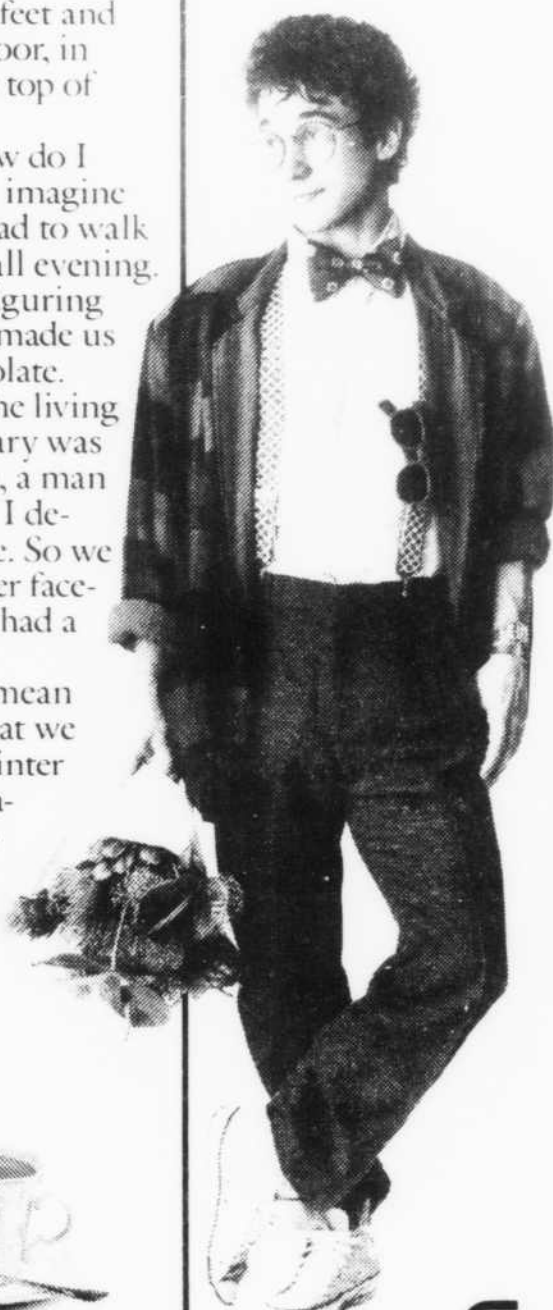
#### Intro. to The Short Story

When Carla told me that my date was a little short, I thought she was talking dollars and cents, not feet and inches. So there I was at the door, in my spiked heels, staring at the top of my date's head.

All I could think was, how do I get myself out of this? I could imagine how my legs would ache if I had to walk around with my knees bent all evening. So to stall for time, while figuring out how to fake malaria, I made us some Double Dutch Chocolate.

When I brought it into the living room, I discovered that Gary was a chocolate lover too. Ahh, a man after my own heart. Okay, I decided I'd give him a chance. So we sat down and saw each other face-to-face for the first time. He had a nice smile.

After some small talk—I mean conversation—I discovered that we both love Updike, hate the winter weather, and both have miniature schnauzers. So, we made a date to introduce Shadow and Schatzi next week.



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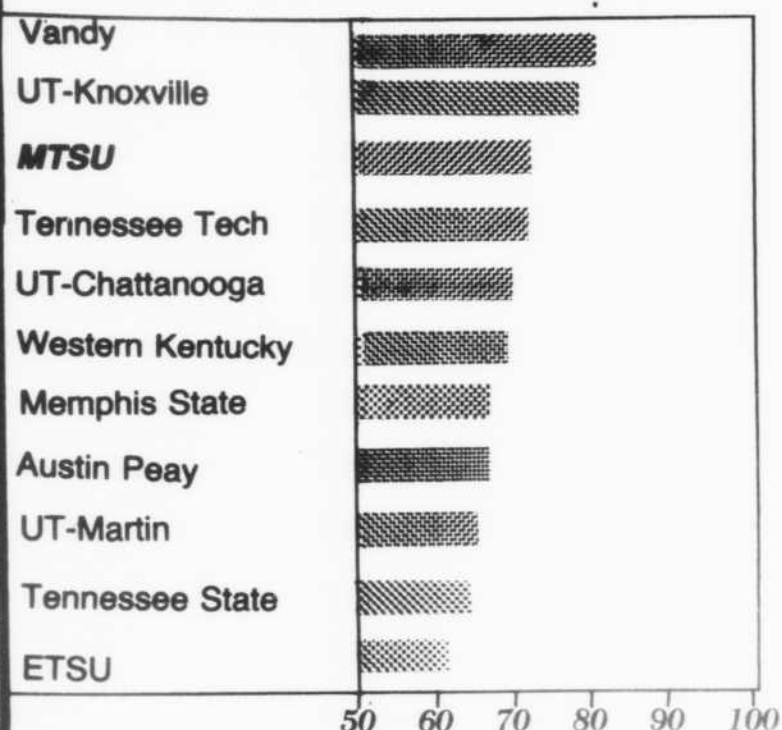
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## Public Perception of Area Universities

Rankings on a scale of 0 to 100  
Based on a phone survey of Middle Tennesseans



Source: Middle Tennessee State University Image Study: Summary and Interpretation  
Prepared by Dr. Robert O. Wyatt, professor of mass communication

## Image from page 1

"Middle Tennessee State University is perceived to be nearly ideal in regard to campus activities, athletic tradition, and meeting people by residents of the region," according to the survey. "But the university is seen as less than ideal in all aspects of its academic environment, including a respected degree, individual attention, good teachers, research and career preparation."

MTSU is farthest from the public's image of an "ideal university," in the area of academics and closest to the ideal in the area of athletic tradition.

In a rating of specific aspects of the school, "highest ratings went to general reputation for quality education (29 percent above average) and sports teams (24 percent above average)," according to the survey. "Lowest ratings went to research (12 percent above average)."

"Significantly, however, when asked about these specific aspects of the university, about 35-40 percent of respondents volunteered 'don't know/no opinion,' indicating

a lack of familiarity with MTSU among a large proportion of the population," especially in rural areas, according to the survey. "Such results suggest that the university is failing to get its message across in rural areas."

The survey also suggested that residents of urban areas "are not aware of the excellent programs and capable faculty members which distinguish some departments and programs from the competition, not only in the state but throughout the region."

"MTSU possesses a favorable image which can be improved significantly if resources are committed to efforts to reach the public," according to the survey.

"We are not as visible as we would like to be," Harrison said. The planned radio and television advertising campaign is one way MTSU plans to reach the public.

President Ingram has said he hopes the MTSU Foundation will match the \$10,000 and we're in discussions with them right now about that," Harrison said.

"In the meantime, we are already designing some commercials," Harrison said.

## Hazing from page 1

fraternity at Alfred. KA is not a nationally-affiliated fraternity.

Chuck was placed in the trunk of a car with a "grotesque amount of alcohol." There was a pint of whiskey, a six-pack of beer and a fifth of wine in the car.

"They were told it must be consumed before they could be released," Stevens said. "When the trunks were opened, many of the pledges were vomiting and Chuck had passed out."

The pledges were then placed on mattresses in the fraternity house to "sleep it off," she said, adding several hours passed before someone checked on them.

"Several pledges had labored breathing, two could not be revived and Chuck had turned blue," Stevens said.

Two of the pledges were hospitalized but survived, she said, adding Chuck was pronounced dead at the scene.

The university has since banned all fraternities from campus.

MTSU has seen had at least one death related to an initiation ceremony.

John Mark Clark, a member of the music fraternity a MTSU, was struck by a car while walking down a road leading to campus in April 1986 after being dropped off on the road. He and 10 other students were forced to walk 10 miles back

to the on-campus initiation ceremony.

The driver of the car was convicted of vehicular homicide and had been drinking.

In November, 1982, Van L. Watts, a Tennessee State University student died after drinking himself to death at a fraternity party. He registered .52 blood alcohol percent.

Stevens said most hazing cere-

monies involve alcohol, peer pressure and secrecy.

"Alcohol, peer pressure and secrecy makes for a dangerous combination," she added.

In Chuck's death, all three factors were involved, Stevens said.

"The pledges had no prior knowledge of what was going to happen," she said. "There were vows of silence and oaths of secrecy so no one would find out."



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# EDITORIALS

## Proposed county payroll tax a bad idea

In an attempt to reduce a \$6 to \$10 million dollar projected deficit for the 1988-89 fiscal year, the Rutherford County commission recently proposed the implementation of a county payroll tax.

This tax would have taken an average of \$152 a year from workers grossing \$19,000 a year in salary. This amount equates to \$12.67 per month or \$2.92 per week.

At first glance, these figures do not seem imposing. However, when you consider the fact that Rutherford County already has one of the highest sales and wheel tax rates in the state, it is ludicrous of the county commission to think that Rutherford Counties will be willing to shell out more money to fund their irresponsibility.

Of course the commissioners say the added revenue is needed to fund the county's educational system. A 20 percent increase in the operational expenditures for the county schools has been projected for next year. The main reason for this jump is the opening of several new schools and the renovation of existing schools in the county.

It should have been obvious to county officials that they would not have the revenue to carry out all the aforementioned school projects in one fiscal year. The proper course



of action would have been to decide which projects were immediately needed and affordable, carry those out, then

move to the next project when funds were available for the project's completion. But that point is moot.

The reality of the situation is that the county went ahead with these projects and now they need to pay for them. Something has to be done.

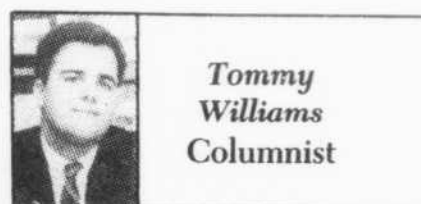
The obvious answer would be to increase the county property tax. However, county officials feel that Rutherford County property owners have a large enough tax burden to bear. However, Rutherford County property taxes are lower than 79 other counties in the state.

Most property owners are permanent residents of this area. They have children in the county school system and are the direct beneficiaries of the school renovations and constructions.

By raising property taxes, the county commission would be taxing the people who should pay for the new education facilities. An income tax would have unfairly taken money away from workers who commute to Rutherford County. It would also have taken much needed money away from students at MTSU, most of whom don't have children attending county schools and do not intend to remain in Rutherford County after graduation.

## Does du Pont have the right chemistry for presidency?

### A View From The Left



Tommy Williams  
Columnist

Pete du Pont is a governor and presidential candidate who disproves the theory that good governors make good candidates.

Du Pont's problem is that the issues confronting Americans today are too complicated for him to discuss. Du Pont is a "me too" candidate. When the other candidates are asked to take a stand on an issue, du Pont simply says "me too."

Du Pont says the most needy individuals in America are trapped in their poverty by the federal government which in turn forces families to break up.

Du Pont believes that Social Security "robs young families of their savings and prevents us from having a secure retirement."

To think that Social Security robs young people is completely absurd. Social Security runs off funds generated by payroll and other methods. I can't understand why a governor of a state would believe such an ignorant thought. To my

knowledge, Social Security in no way directly or indirectly dramatically effects the lives of our young families.

When asked about farming, du Pont says that our farmers are "addicted" to farm subsidy programs.

Farm subsidies are a basic conservative program that balances the farming economy. It is a good program.

If du Pont wants to hold on to his conservative support, he shouldn't downplay some of their programs. The program was never instituted to directly help the farmers, but to balance a troubled agriculture economy.

Politically, du Pont has very little if any public recognition. The early primaries should eliminate du Pont from the list of Republican hopefuls.

Following the pattern that du Pont has followed thus far, he will be unable to attract southern voters who could very well be deciding factors in this year's election.

We can only hope that within the crazed and controversial convention that the Republicans will select someone like du Pont. The Democrats would definitely prevail.

[Editor's note: The above columns are the fourth in a series of profiles of the 1988 presidential candidates. Friday's edition will feature Missouri Democrat Rep. Richard Gephardt.]

Former Delaware Governor Pete du Pont is a thinking man's politician.

For the most part, the Republican's views on issues are straightforwardly conservative. Du Pont



holds to such traditionally conservative stands as the legalization of abortion, minimal gun control, tax cuts and the deployment of SDI [Strategic Defense Initiative].

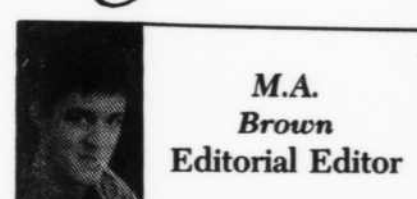
However, du Pont adds some interesting twists to his viewpoints.

When talking about Welfare, du Pont has said, "Instead of a hand-out, we need to provide poor people with a job and everything that comes with it ... Our policy in this country must be: 'If you don't work — you don't get paid.'"

As a means to this end, du Pont has proposed the implementation of The Work and Family Responsibility Plan.

This program would replace federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children [AFDC] and related programs with a job opportunity program. It would also increase the Earned Income Tax Credit [EITC] and adjust it for family size, and toughen child support enforcement laws.

The implementation of this program would be beneficial to the U.S. because it would conceivably put a large number of people to work. By increasing the EITC the federal government would allow



M.A. Brown  
Editorial Editor

these new workers to take home more income which would mean an increased supply of revenue in the national marketplace.

The program would also release taxpayers from the burden of support they now feel under AFDC for single parent families, by forcing non-custodial parents to work and pay child support through an increased threat of arrest if they continue to do otherwise.

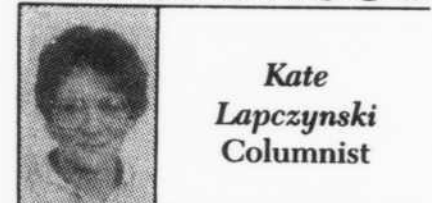
Du Pont has also proposed renovations in Social Security with his Financial Security Program.

Under this program individuals would be allowed to contribute up to the amount of their Social Security [FICA] payroll tax in a Financial Security Account [FSA]. These individuals would be given a 100 percent income tax credit for their FSA contribution. When these FSA contributors retire, their Social Security retirement payments would be lowered commensurately with their FSA contributions.

This would benefit FSA contributors because the FSA rate of return would be higher than the rate of return in the Social Security program.

Du Pont is one candidate who offers solutions to problems instead of tired rhetoric. In my opinion, he definitely has the right chemistry to become our next president.

## Differences make Japanese-American comparison unfair



Kate Lapczynski  
Columnist

Not since the launching of Sputnik in 1957 has the American educational system been subjected to as much scrutiny or as many calls for reform as it is right now.

It is certain that the thrust of education in America needs to be re-directed. A technological society depends upon a well-educated populace.

There is no doubt that many of the suggested reforms have merit. For example, students in the United States are not exposed to a polygot science instruction until high school, while students in other nations begin instruction in the sciences while in middle school. U.S. math instruction is handled in much the same way.

Invariably, comparisons are made between American education and Japanese education with the

American system showing poorly.

Even if all the aforementioned reforms were put into place tomorrow, U.S. education still would not compare with the Japanese model. This is not to suggest that the reforms should not be instituted. On the contrary, it only seems prudent to adapt an educational system to the needs of the society that supports it. But the United States lacks and always will lack one ingredient that fuels the Japanese educational system — the kyoiku mother.

The kyoiku mother is a "school-mad mother." Her involvement with her child's education begins at birth. She is the one who teaches the child his letters and numbers, leaving the kindergarten teacher to concentrate on socialization. It is she who relieves the child of all responsibilities beyond school and even attends his classes if he is sick.

In transporting and supporting her child in his single-minded pursuit, the kyoiku mother becomes, in essence, a slave to her child's education.

The child is enslaved as well. Only constant high performance in school guarantees the child a chance of continuing his education and getting into a first-rate high school and then a good college.

It is highly unlikely that U.S. mothers would subject their children to such a pressure-cooker atmosphere, or would willingly devote all their energies to pushing their children to succeed. Rightly or wrongly, Americans place a value on childhood and want their children to have time in their lives to just be kids. Moreover, while the aim of the kyoiku mother is to create a dependent child, American mothers strive to make their children independent.

Independence has always been valued by Americans. It has become even more valuable as American women have entered the work force in ever increasing numbers. Beyond that, American women, however committed they may be to their children's education, are not committed to the point that they would totally sacrifice the expres-

sion of their own talents and abilities for the sake of their children's future success. Thank God they don't have to.

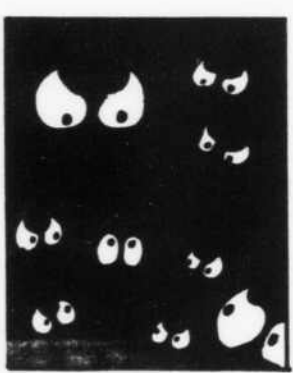
Comparing the two societies and their educational systems is like comparing apples and oranges.

Japan's system was born from the ground up after the Second World War at the same time as their industrial complex. Ours has had a steady, slow evolution. Japan's industry is an equal partner in the educational system. In the U.S., in-

dustry is just beginning to take an active part in public education.

Perhaps the time has come to stop beating ourselves to death with comparisons between the United States and Japan. If our educational system needs reform, let's reform it. But let the reform reflect the needs and impetus of our society and be built around the strengths and weaknesses of our culture, never forgetting along the way that the brunt of the reforms will be borne by our children.

## STEVE BEAT By KENT WHITAKER



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# Reed commits 'phone treason'



Mike  
Reed  
Columnist

I'm glad to to say I am here to offer a change from the political columns you have seen dominating this section. I have been told that in the past political science classes have had discussions concerning my work.

The phone company is taking over the world!

There I've said it and I'm glad. I'll need to finish this in a hurry because the phone police will soon come to arrest me for treason.

My buddy, Phil, wanted to get a phone. Not a simple request, I realize, but an honest one, and Phil is a good boy.

For those of you who have dealt with such a situation, perhaps you should read one of those political columns on the other page, this isn't going to be pretty.

Phil found out where he had to go to get a plain white slimline touchtone in his humble abode. He

got there and stood in line. Much time passed. Finally his turn came and a lady (who, might I add, had a hairdo that looked like the Fruit-of-the-Loom guys) handed him a form about a mile and a half long.

So Phil sat down to fill out the form beside an illegal alien who offered him \$32 for his pants. It was your basic form with the blank for your name, address, phone number, place of employment, sexual preference, number of illegitimate children you claim on your income tax, favorite breakfast food and Visa number.

Things were going well. Okay, things were going so-so. You see, when Phil got to the line asking for a phone number, he didn't have one. I suggested that he tell the lady with the underwear in her hair.

This did not go well, she took the form, examined it and directed Phil to a man whose name tag said "Hello my name is" and a scribble that was either Larry or Ethel.

After explaining the conflict to the polyester king, we were informed that there was no conflict — "phone number" meant to fill in

the number of phones you wanted. Phil scribbled in a quick "1" and we returned to fill out the rest of the form.

Seventeen days later the phone police showed up at Phil's door to install a pink princess phone with a chartreuse rotary dial. I urged Phil not to question their choice of phones unless he wanted the phone police to take him downtown. He agreed although he looked pretty silly talking on that reject from a singles bar.

Jake, the phone policeman, told us how lucky we were and what high-quality plastic the phone was constructed of. He then presented a bill which among other things consisted of a five hundred dollar deposit and a sperm sample.

Well, that didn't matter to Phil. He now had a space-age telecommunication system right at his finger tips. He picked up the phone and heard the drone of the dial tone. A tear trickled from his eye as he dialed the seven digits. What followed is not hard to imagine.

The number Phil had tried to reach — Phyllis's House of Ill Re-

pute — had changed their number. The only thing to do was call information.

If phones had been in use during Biblical times, the number of the beast would be 1-411. First, we had to listen to that recording of some lady accusing us of not using a phone book.

Then, the operator says, "Thank-you-for-calling-what-city-please?" "Excuse me?" I said.

"What-city-please?" The rest of this you all can figure out for yourself.

In a country as great as ours, where communication is every bit as important as eating, why does the phone company treat us this way? Can you say amen brothers and sisters?

I decided to take a shower. Suddenly, the phone rang. I let it ring. Finally, I rushed to get it and some jerk asked for Stinky Farnstein. Who in the blazes is Stinky Farnstein?

Stinky, if you are reading this, your wife called — bring home milk.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like to begin by saying that I feel *Sideline* coverage of Martin Luther King week was well-done and informative. I do, however, feel the need to let the readers know about the dedication and diligence of several of the participants.

In Friday's article concerning the events of Thursday night it was stated that no actor's names were available for the participants in the scenes about black student's adjustments to life on a predominantly white campus. Actually, the names were made available to the photographer and again when the actors were introduced. I feel it necessary to make them available to you now. The names were: Katherine Denise Huddleston, John Toms, Ted White, Vincent Windrow, Pamela Braden, Maurice Petway, Meredith Gordon, Crosby Hunt, Dawana Gudger and Richard Browder.

I would also like to remind the readers that the people responsible for this event were Dr. Forrest Toms and Mr. Ted White.

These two men worked tirelessly to present a program for which they felt a special dedication and purpose. Dr. Toms co-created and narrated the evening and Mr. White co-created and acted as stage manager.

I suggest more workshops for faculty on the difficulty of relating to black students and a lot of soul-searching on the part of all the people who still believe that to be fair and unbiased means to treat all students the same.

Thank you Dr. Toms, Mr. White and all the actors for asking us to

take part and for learning with us. It was our pleasure.

Deborah Anderson  
Speech and Theatre  
Crosby Hunt  
Developmental Studies

To the Editor:

I find it disturbing that so many editorialists view the Supreme Court's decision in the Hazelwood High School case to be unconstitutional.

The point is not that the students have or do not have the maturity to make value judgments of this kind, nor that they have or do not have the right to make value judgments of this kind.

The point is that the principal of their high school had the right to make the final editorial decisions regarding that school's publications. This is no different from the publisher of a metropolitan newspaper having final say about which articles are included or are not included in their paper.

If the point is to teach high school students what to expect in the real world of journalism, then I think that the students of that high school (Hazelwood, Mo.) have learned a valuable lesson. The principal there neither stepped over his bounds of responsibility, nor did he infringe upon the rights of his students.

No one is arguing that they could not have published those self-same articles on their own and circulated them in their school. If they had, I am sure that the Supreme Court would have faced a much different case, if there had been any case at

all.

Lucy Mogensen-Vermillion  
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To the Editor:

We would like to express our sheer disgust with Roger Allen's recent editorial concerning the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision and the incredibly tasteless cartoon that accompanied it.

Mr. Allen is entitled to his opinions. However, presenting them in a clear, concise manner would have supported the fact that he has an opinion and not just a prejudice.

While Allen's column was vague and empty, the accompanying cartoon was quite graphic. If the cartoon was intended to incite horror about abortion, it missed its mark. It did, however, show absolute insensitivity toward both sides of this controversial issue. We are sure that pro-lifers as well as pro-choice activists were sickened by the tasteless nature of this illustration.

Our question is this: Did the artist's conscience get the better of him or her? We could hardly decipher the initials signed in the bottom-right corner of the frame.

We realize the *Sidelines* is a forum for student expression regardless of opinions or ideals. Is it too much to ask that these opinions be presented in a clear and non-offensive manner?

Lori A. Gann  
Box 2887  
Susan Cummings  
Box 9926

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the artist of

the cartoon in the Jan. 22 issue which accompanied the article on abortion.

This [the cartoon] upset a few people, but I am glad it did. This was a clear, realistic picture of what happens in the abortion procedure. It is unfortunate that too few people want to look at abortion in these terms.

Chris Baumann  
Box 6194

To the Editor:

Monday, Jan. 25 I read Roger Allen's "Injustice for American celebrates anniversary," comparing *Roe v. Wade* with *Dred Scott v. Sanford*. It seems that while it may be past time to terminate these dangerous notions, it is not too late to attempt to set some records straight.

What the Supreme Court actually did in *Roe v. Wade* was to declare that a state could not make it a criminal act to have or perform an abortion except on medical advice to save the mother's life. To do so, especially before the end of the first trimester of a pregnancy was an unconstitutional interference with the mother's right to privacy.

Neither did the court attempt to determine when life began, as Mr. Allen suggests. The court simply stated that until the fetus was viable, i.e. could have a chance of survival outside of the womb, the interests in the mother's right to privacy of her own body outweighed any rights the state may have to try to preserve the life of the fetus. The court thus did not make abortion legal, rather it said there are times when it cannot be made illegal.

The *Sidelines* column implies that Justice Blackmun's majority opinion was entirely his own illogical thinking. Not so. The decision was 7-2 with two concurring opinions. Those justices voting with Blackmun approved of the language in the opinion before it was printed. That is the way the court works.

Perhaps the worst error in the column is the suggestion that we turn abortion legislation over to the states under the 10th Amendment. That is exactly the kind of thinking which lead to state laws sanctioning slavery.

It is no more freedom of choice to have your abortion decision legislated by the state government

than it is to have it legislated by the federal government.

Finally, the court in *Roe v. Wade* did state that "the right of privacy ... cannot be said to be absolute. [It] must be considered against important state interests in regulation."

Freedoms are almost always a trade-off. Yet, these freedoms are worth the price. They protect us from tyranny of the majority or the tyranny of autocracy. They allow us to publicly debate whether there should be more interest in preserving the privacy rights of a mother during the first trimester of pregnancy or in preserving the life of a fetus.

I too have a difficult time with the thought of terminating the life of a fetus. That does not mean, however, that I am ready to say that unless it is a matter of the mother's life, there is no circumstance in which an abortion might be justified and that a mother has no right to decide, early in a pregnancy, whether she will become a mother with all the duties and work that motherhood entails.

Geoffrey Hull  
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Media Lab' charts communications future

[Editor's note: A five-star rating system is used in evaluation purposes. One being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

★★★★

By CHRISTOPHER BELL  
Managing Editor

Last Monday night, I was thinking about this review, the book in question (*The Media Lab, Inventing the Future at MIT*, by Stewart Brand, published by Viking, \$20.00) in my lap, hands on a computer keyboard (running PC-Write, a word processing program), one ear listening to my once and future girlfriend on the phone (the one you get when you subscribe to *Time*) balanced on my shoulder and the other ear listening to Aretha Franklin on my tape player (*Atlantic History of Rhythm & Blues*, Vol-

ume 6).

Obviously, I wasn't doing any of these things very well, as you can tell from the quality of this review or the fact that my girlfriend doesn't want to see me again, but I did manage to use four communications media at once. So what?

OK, try this — you've got a couple of hours to kill between classes (or including classes if you're like me). What do you do? Watch MTV, play a video game, listen to your new CD? All of these are technologies that didn't exist 15 years ago (well maybe a few video games, but you get the point). Changes in communications technology are changing the way we live.

Communicate, communicate via satellite and solid state never, never hesitate communicate, communicate. "Communication"

Peter Townsend, *All the Best Cowboys Have Chinese Eyes*

New inventions change our lives. Even PR majors know that. But refinements in these inventions and new uses for them also change our lives. Automobiles changed the world. But the U.S. Interstate System, which changed the way cars were used, did just as much to alter our lives.

That's what this book is about. (Hah, fooled you! It is a book review after all.) The Media Lab is a department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology devoted to pioneering the new ways media technology will be used.

### Review

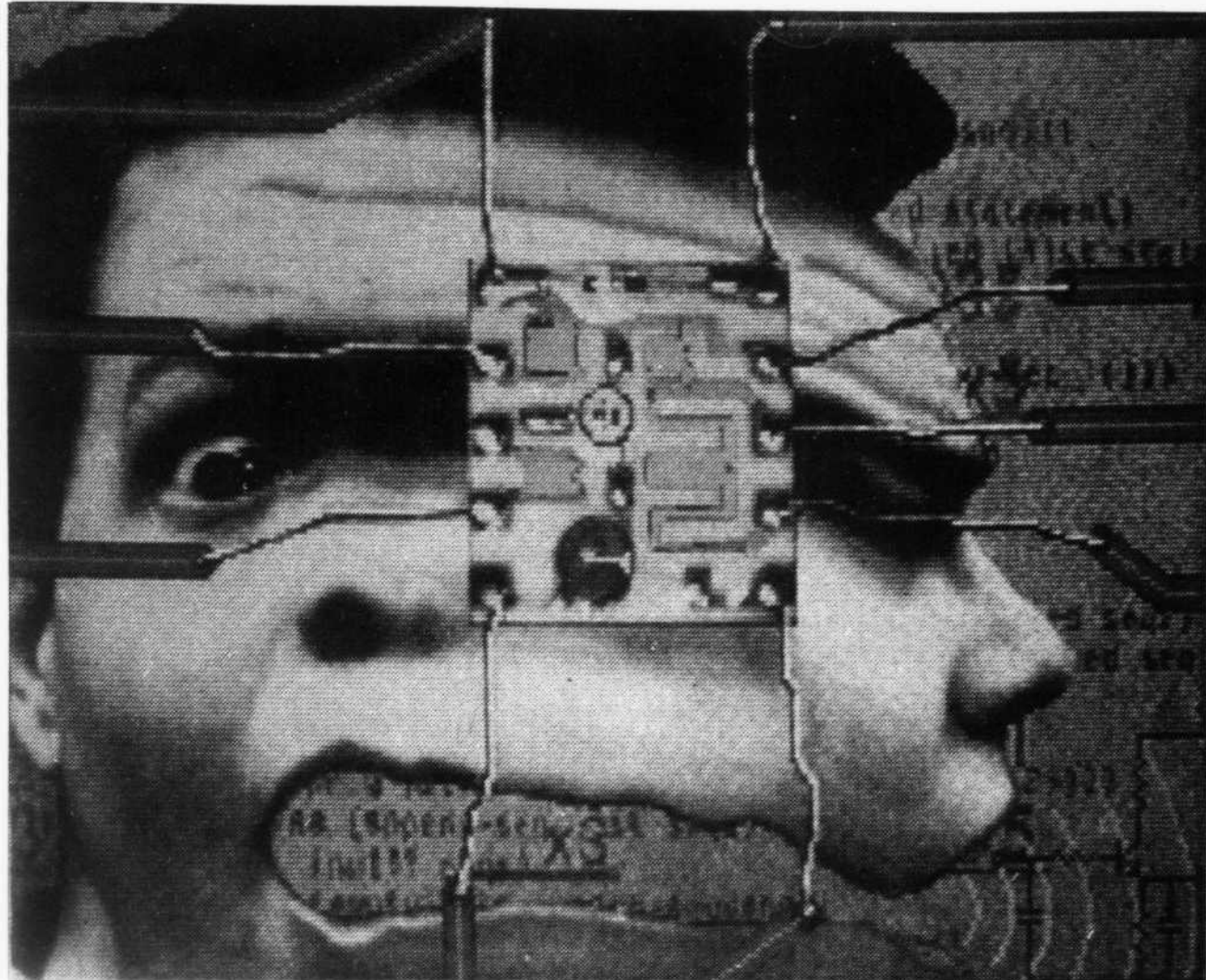
"The Media Laboratory is a brand new facility...\$45 million...built around [the] conviction that something big and convergent is happening to the whole gamut of communications media — television, telephones, recordings, film, newspapers, magazines, books and infesting and transforming them all, computers," is Brand's description of the lab.

Most of the book describes some of the lab's projects, such as the personalized newspaper and the school of the future.

The personalized newspaper is a video newspaper, designed to give the reader exactly the information they want.

The school of the future program allows every student in a Boston school access to a computer.

Both of these projects are typical of the lab's work in developing uses for technology, rather than concentrating on designing new technology. Both of these projects are also



A digitized image of the face of rock performer Peter Gabriel is added to a computer painting done at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Lab.

designed to be interactive, a key word in this book.

"[Interactivity is] mutual and simultaneous activity on the part of both participants usually working towards some goal, but not necessarily...a conversation versus a lecture," is how Andy Lippman, scientist at the Media Lab describes interactivity. The idea, that machines can be used, by the user, during use, for maximum ease, is central to much of the projects described in the book.

Brand also describes the relationship between these new ideas and current tools like cable television and compact laser disks.

Stewart Brand is best known as the editor of the *Whole Earth Catalog* and the founder of the *CoEvolution Quarterly* magazine, now known as the *Whole Earth Review*.

As you might guess from these projects, Brand has a keen eye for tools and technology.

The only problem is Brand's style of writing, which can be described as "journeyman journalist." The work of the Media Lab is both important and interesting, but in this book, too often the reader has to work to discover that.

"Open the pod bay doors, HAL!"  
2001: A Space Odyssey

The book's other drawback is Brand's failure to report on the possible negative side-effects of these advances.

What will happen to people too poor to afford these wonder machines? Will our society be further divided between the information haves and have-nots? As in-

dustry becomes more and more automated what kinds of employment will be created for displaced workers?

Brand should be credited, however, with tackling the problem of information ownership in the book. As the country moves towards an "information economy," question are emerging about how you put a price on an intangible asset.

In the next-to-last chapter, "The World Information Economy," Brand addresses these questions, summing it up with "The wired is a teenager with a new car, taking dumb risks, finding new freedoms. It's a privilege to be around self-discover like that, but grueling, and sometimes tragic."

"The Media Lab," jumps from idea to idea in its 285 pages, often leaving the reader dizzy in its wake. There are important issues raised by the experiments going on at MIT, while Stewart Brand may not answer them all, at least he does a very good job of making us aware they exist.

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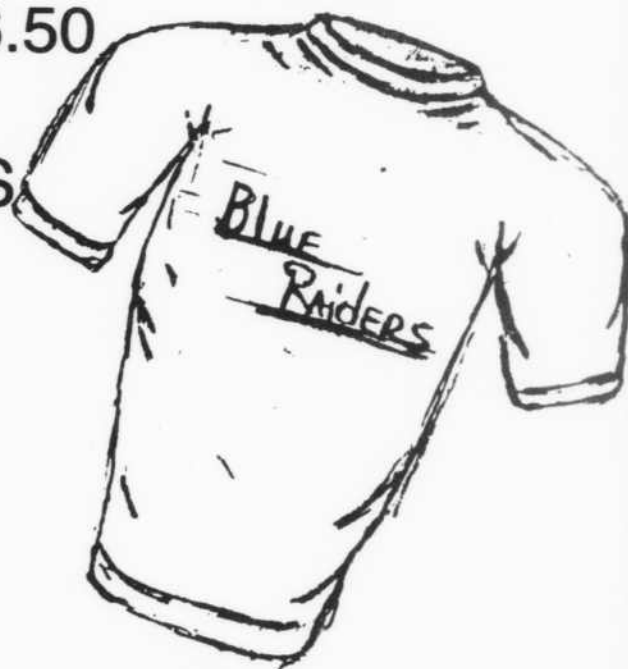
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# SPORTS

## Lady Raiders sweep, Raiders split games in 'Death Valley'

### Blue Raiders hit century mark, trounce Morehead St. 100-85

By TONY STINNETT  
Editor in Chief  
MOREHEAD, Ky. — MTSU jumped out to a 54-39 halftime lead and eased its way to an impressive 100-85 trouncing over the hapless Morehead State Eagles here Saturday night.

Ty Baynham and Chris Rainey combined for 45 points and led five Blue Raiders in double figures as MTSU improved to 4-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference, 13-6 overall.

Morehead State was in search of its first conference win of the season. The loss put the Eagles at 0-7 in conference play, 4-13 overall. The loss was the 10th straight for the struggling Eagles and they have been beaten by conference opponents 14 of the last 15 times out.

The Raiders jumped out to a commanding lead, set the tempo for the game and never looked back.

"We really stressed and emphasized to our guys that we have to be aggressive," head coach Bruce Stewart said.

"When we are an aggressive team we are a good basketball team. If we are going to win, we have to play hard every night. We don't want to have any more letdowns," Stewart said, referring to the Raiders' 74-62 setback to Murray State at home Jan. 24.

The Raiders had all cylinders clicking throughout the game — in all phases of the game.

"I thought everything was click-

ing tonight," Stewart said. "We played with a lot of confidence and we shot the ball well."

Baynham and Chris Rainey were unstoppable, scoring 23 and 22 points apiece, respectively.

Baynham was nine of 12 from the field and flawless from the free throw line, in only 26 minutes of playing time. Baynham ran his streak of games with double figures to 10.

In addition to a sterling offensive outburst, Baynham was equally impressive on the defensive side of the court. Baynham held Derrick Davis scoreless in the first half and allowed him only 10 points for the game, five below his average.

"Ty Baynham's defense is as good as anybody's in the league at the small forward spot," Stewart said. "He has developed into one of, if not the most consistent players that we have."

"I really don't worry about how many I score," Baynham said. "I know I can score points if that's all I put emphasis on. I am not worried about my individual effort. I just want to do whatever it takes for us to win as a team," Baynham said.

Chris Rainey's performance was equally impressive. The three-point specialist nailed four of his seven three-point attempts and hit nine of 14 from the field. He also added six assists.

Please see Blue page 9



Howard Ross/Staff

MTSU freshman Julie Harrison shoots for the basket in a recent home game. The Lady Raiders beat Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky to remain unbeaten in the Ohio Valley Conference.

### EKU bombs 3-pointers

### Colonels shoot down Raiders

By TONY STINNETT  
Editor in Chief  
RICHMOND, Ky. — Eastern Kentucky's Jeff McGill and Junior Curtis combined for 47 points here last night to hand MTSU an 88-70 loss.

McGill, the Colonels' top-gun, scored 25 points, including five of 12 from three-point land.

Curtis, who did not start, scored 22 from outside. He nailed two of five long shots. Curtis, a defensive specialist, was surprised by his performance against the Blue Raiders.

"I was in the game for [my] defense, not offense," Curtis said. "Middle Tennessee is a very good ball team. I guess they didn't think I would be a factor."

Curtis, a senior, hit eight of 11 shots from the field and a perfect four of four from the free throw line.

The Blue Raiders stayed close until about mid-way through the second half.

The game was tied with 12:48 left in the game when Chris Rainey hit a jump shot.

The Colonels answered with a pair of three-pointers. Bobby Collins nailed the first with 11:40 remaining and Curtis hit one with 10:58 left to give the Colonels a 60-54 lead.

The Blue Raiders continued to battle Eastern Kentucky.

## Lady Raiders extend OVC win streak to six against Eastern Ky.

By TRACY BOYD  
Assistant Sports Editor  
RICHMOND, Ky. — The MTSU Lady Raiders won their sixth straight conference game here last night against Eastern Kentucky 87-63.

Junior center Tawanya Mucker scored 25 points as the Lady Raiders coasted to their 13th win of the season, against just three losses.

Mucker scored her 1,000th point with 13:09 left in the first half. The junior center hit a shot and was fouled. After hitting the free throw, Mucker had 1,001 points.

"It feels marvelous," said an exuberant Mucker. "It feels really great, but it really doesn't matter as long as we win."

Lianne Beck tied her career high with 20 points. The junior forward scored 20 points twice last season.

Beck hit nine of 14 shots on the night, and two free throws.

"They were leaving me open," said Beck. "The shots were just falling."

Head Coach Lewis Bivens was pleased with his team's effort.

"We played a pretty good second half," Bivens said. "Lianne Beck had a heck of a game on the right side."

The win gives the Lady Raiders a 1-1/2 game lead over Youngstown State. The Lady Penguins downed Austin Peay 79-61 last night.

"The win put us in good shape," Bivens said, "but we still have to respect everyone."

The Lady Raiders will travel to Alabama-Huntsville tomorrow for a 6 p.m. contest. MTSU will play at Tennessee State Friday night at 8 p.m.

## Mucker, Brown lead MTSU to 72-66 win over Morehead

By TRACY BOYD  
Assistant Sports Editor  
MOREHEAD, Ky. — Sandy Brown and Tawanya Mucker accounted for all but 24 of MTSU's 72 points as the Lady Raiders defeated Morehead State 72-66 here Saturday night.

The win was MTSU's fifth in the conference in as many tries and they improved to 12-3 overall.

In the first half, the lead changed several times with neither team able to gain the upper hand. Morehead led at intermission 29-28.

With the score tied at 44 with 10:28 remaining in the game, MTSU reeled off nine unanswered points, with Mucker scoring seven of the nine. With 8:07 remaining, MTSU led 53-44.

Morehead closed to within two at 54-52 with 6:13 remaining, but that was as close as the Lady Eagles ever got.

Brown led all scorers with a career-high 25 points on a 10 of 14 performance from the field, including three of four from beyond the three-point arc. She also pulled down seven rebounds.

Mucker, who needed 25 points to enter the 1,000 points club, fell two points shy with 23 points, 19 of which came in the second half. The junior center also hauled in a game-high nine rebounds.

"We got the ball to Mucker when we were supposed to, and she scored," MTSU Coach Lewis Bivens said. "Basically, we punched that sucker in to Mucker and did

what we had to do offensively and hit the big ones down the stretch.

"When Brown hit those two bombs you could see her wanting the ball, and when she wants it, you better give it to her," Bivens added.

The Lady Eagles were paced by Sophia Renfro with 15 points. Kelly Stamper and Angie Linneman added 13 and 12, respectively.

While the Lady Raiders were winning, the other league contenders were losing on the road Saturday night.

Youngstown State disposed of Murray State and Eastern Kentucky downed Tennessee Tech.

Youngstown State moved into sole possession of second place in the league, a game and a half behind the Lady Raiders with a 4-2 league mark.

MTSU will not return home until Saturday, Feb. 12 when they entertain the Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky. The game has been designated as "Wild and Crazy" night.

### Tickets available

Tickets to Friday night's Tennessee State-MTSU basketball game are available at MTSU, according to athletic ticket manager Cindy Randles.

The reserved seat tickets can be purchased at the MTSU Ticket Office, located in the northeast corner of Murphy Center, and in room 309 of the Keathley University Center.

The men's game will begin at 11 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN. The women's game begins at eight.

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# 'Living Dead Part 2' flops in sequel attempt

[Editor's note: A five-star rating system is used in evaluation purposes. One being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

★★

By HEATH PEEK  
Entertainment Writer

The biggest problem with this film is that the title gives away too much of the plot. In other words, this film is a near carbon copy of its predecessor.

That film, *Return of the Living Dead*, was a cliché-riddled, only slightly original zombie film in the tradition of George Romero's zombie classics (*Night of the Living Dead*, *Dawn of the Dead* and *Day of the Dead*). Since this film looks and feels just like the first one, it's even worse.

## Review

Just how similar are these two films? Well, for example, two of the actors from the first film, James Karen and Thom Mathews, are also in this one; playing different characters. Although the characters are different, their fates are the same. In both films they inhale

some mysterious green vapor which turns them into zombies.

Even some of the zombies make return appearances in this film, which, in juxtaposition with the returning actors, makes the film seem like one of those television reunion movies that have been so popular in the past few years.

All of these similarities make the film even worse when one realized that a different man, Ken Wiederhorn, wrote and directed this sequel.

OK, for a short plot synopsis (because a short one is all that is needed for this film): the film opens as a group of Army trucks are moving canisters which contain, packed in the mysterious green vapor, the bodies of captured zombies.

But, you guessed it, one of the canisters happens to fall off a truck only to be found by two delinquents. Naturally, they open it, and soon, the entire town is overrun by an army of hungry zombies looking for human brains on which to feed.

Then, six people, two of which are unknowing zombies, try to escape town, but have to fight for their lives against an army of zombies instead. At least in this film, unlike the first, the living have a

fighting chance against the undead.

If you are the type of person who enjoys clichés, then this film will definitely light your fire, because the parade of clichés in this film is unending.

How many films, for example, have been made containing a graveyard scene in which a fog bank oozes through? Well, that one is here, along with such tried and true events as lightning at climatic moments and cars that start only at the last possible moment.

The film, though, is not a complete waste of time. There are several very humorous scenes such as when a zombie gets stepped on while digging himself out of his grave, and a Michael Jackson look-alike in a "Thriller"-type scene.

In all, the best thing about this movie is newcomer Michael Kenworthy, who plays 12-year-old Jesse. He manages to steal every scene he is in, and promises to be someone to watch for in future films. In fact, he is one of the few reasons this film receives any starts from me at all.

"Return of the Living Dead Part II" is currently playing at Martin Theatre in Jackson Heights Plaza.



A zombie rises from his grave in "Return of the Living Dead Part II."

## VOC's A-O.K. sound rocks MTSU scene

By KATHERINE BERNARDI  
Entertainment Critic

On Sunday night I was a victim of circumstance. For once, being a victim was pure pleasure, not only for me, but also for the five members of VOC.

The band rose from the ashes five months ago after various other bands began to disintegrate. The members include lead singer Fuzzy Roberts, formerly of Sterling Rose, Squire Lily on bass, former member of Suspects, drummer Marty Farris from the Eddie Key Group and guitarists Eric Jean, ex-Luck London and studio ace, Brian Maus.

VOC plays straight ahead rock and roll on the hard side. They steer close to the boundaries of heavy metal, but manage to keep a blues feel in their songs. VOC definitely perceives themselves as "hard rockers."

Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith and Humble Pie were cited by Farris as influences on the band, and it shows in their music. VOC's original material consists of finely crafted melodic tunes edged with a twinge of the blues.

The group's anthem song is "Freedom of Choice." It sets out to put listeners in a party frame of mind.

"That's exactly what the band

wants," said Lily. "VOC stays away from political lyrics because we want to put fun back into rock and roll."

Farris is a RIM major here at MTSU and Lily is a political science major.

During their abbreviated set VOC demonstrated that belief in songs such as "It's All Up To You," "Lonely Is The Night Time," and "Heart on the Line." The rhythm section was tight and on time.

Guitarists Jean and Maus politely traded guitar solos, but really didn't get much of a chance to cut loose.

Roberts showed fiery emotion during what I feel was their best song, a blues scorcher entitled "Living A Lie." VOC finally laid back and PLAYED!

This is definitely a fresh exciting band to keep an eye on and an ear glued to. Soon you'll have to add VOC to the growing list of initials — REO, REM, ELO, ELP, etc.



VOC members (left to right) Fuzzy Roberts, Eric Jean, Squire Lily, Brian Maus and Marty Farris.

## What's Up MTSU

Monday, Feb. 1 and Tuesday, Feb. 2: The MTSU Films Committee will be showing "Living Daylights"—PG 13.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 and Thursday, Feb. 4: "Predator"—R will be showing.

All feature films will be shown at the Keathley University Center at 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 1 through Friday, Feb. 19: Maggie McMahon, a Chattanooga artist, will be exhibited in the Art Barn Gallery.

The Art Barn Gallery is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

National Women's History Week Writing Contest: \$100 will be awarded for the best expository writing (essay, criticism, commentary) on some aspect of women's experience. Three copies of each entry (7-15 pages, typed, double-spaced) should be submitted along with an entry form. Entry deadline is February 15. For additional information contact Dr. Jill Hague, room 324, Peck Hall, ext. 2578.

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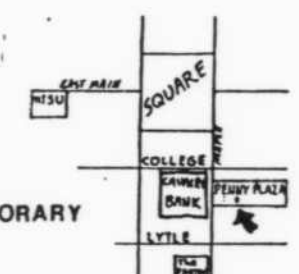
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# Big-leaguers give youngsters tips of the game

**By CHUCK MORRIS**  
Sports Editor

The MTSU Card Show and Clinic held Saturday at Murphy Center was a big hit with attending fans.

The show lacked big name stars, but the professional players had all played in minor league ball in Nashville.

Otis Nixon, now a Murfreesboro resident, spoke about base stealing. He gave away all his "tricks" of the trade to the 200 youngsters in attendance at the clinic.

Nixon, an outfielder with the Cleveland Indians, spent much of 1987 at Class AAA Buffalo. There is a chance Nixon could sign with the Texas Rangers before spring training begins later this month.

Former Vanderbilt All-American Scotti Madison spoke last in the afternoon about the mechanics and psychology of hitting.

"When I go to the plate, I think nobody can get me out," Madison told the gathering.

"If I fail seven of 10 times, I'll go to the Hall of Fame," Madison continued.

"I'm pleased with what I've accomplished, but not satisfied."

The versatile switch-hitter hopes to play the entire season with the Kansas City Royals.

Tom Browning, a former 20-game winner with the Cincinnati Reds, finished the clinic talking about pitching.

Browning talked to young players and told stories to them.

Columbia State baseball coach Jim Painter began the morning talking about outfield play.

Former Cincinnati second baseman Randy Davidson spoke about middle infield play.

●The Railbirds will sponsor their annual Ground Hog Day lunch today at 11:30 a.m. in the James Union Building's dining room "B."

A scheduled program will begin at 12:10 p.m.

The lunch, consisting of ham hock, white beans and corn bread, kicks off the MTSU baseball season ticket sales.

## Lady Raider's Sandy Brown: winning basketball is her game

**By TRACY BOYD**  
Assistant Sports Editor

RICHMOND, Ky. — Being a poor loser is often considered to be an unfavorable characteristic. But in the case of Sandy Brown, her extreme hate for losing is what drives her to be the winner that she is.

in assists with 68 and shoots a team-high 43 percent from three-point range. Saturday night against Morehead State, Brown scored 25 points, her MTSU career-high. She got her career high in rebounds last night against Eastern Kentucky with 10.

Lady Raiders' first-year head coach Lewis Bivens has nothing but praise for Brown.

"She's just a winner," Bivens said. "That's just the best way to describe her."

"She is at her very best when it counts," Bivens adds. "Her three-pointers always come when we need them. To me she is a money basketball player, and that's all you can ask for. She provides good leadership because she is extremely hard-nosed and gives you the same type of effort every day."

"She's the kind of player I always want on my side. She's the kind you will always win with."

Bivens' praise for Brown extends beyond the basketball court.

"Off the floor I couldn't ask for a better kid," Bivens says. "She's a good student and works hard in the classroom."



Sandy Brown

An elementary education major, Brown aspires to be a third or fourth grade teacher.

Brown is a superb three-point shot and attributes this ability to her extreme confidence.

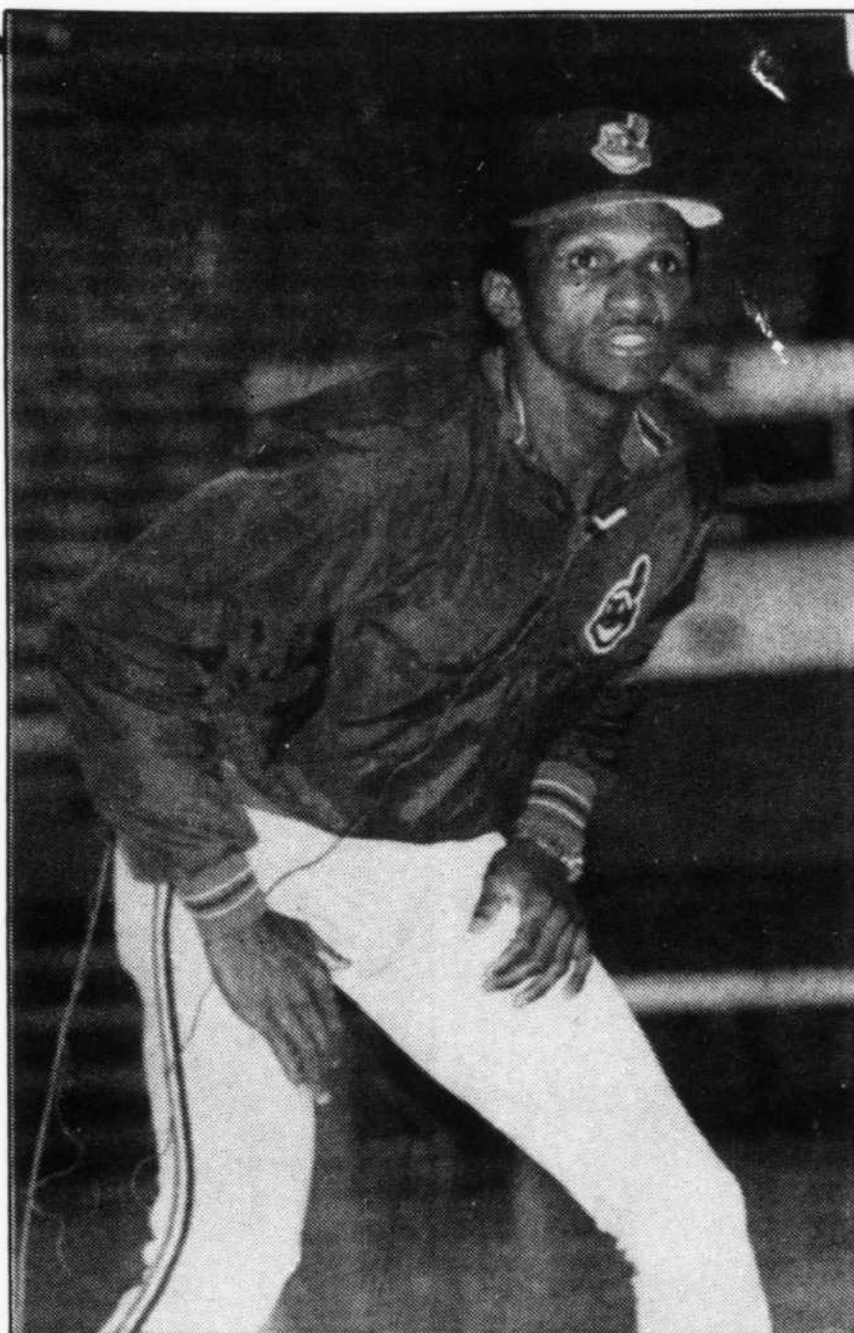
"I always want the ball," Brown says. "I do have confidence and I want to shoot. I don't think about it, I just shoot."

Brown has reached her goal of playing Division I basketball and says her dream would be to reach the "Final Four" in the NCAA tournament.

She is very optimistic about the future of Lady Raider basketball.

"I think we will win the OVC if we just keep working hard," Brown says. "We should be even better next year because we will have experience playing with each other. We just can't let the success go to our heads."

Brown became interested in basketball in the fourth grade when her father introduced her to the game. She attended Morristown East High School and attributes much of her success to her family.



Frank Conley/Staff

Cleveland Indians' outfielder Otis Nixon speaks about the techniques of basestealing Saturday at the annual MTSU Card Show and Clinic.

## OVC STANDINGS

Men				Women			
Team	W	L	Overall	Team	W	L	Overall
Murray State	6	0	11	MTSU	6	0	13
MTSU	4	2	13	Youngstown State	5	2	13
Austin Peay	5	1	10	Morehead State	4	4	10
Eastern Kentucky	6	2	12	Eastern Kentucky	4	4	5
Youngstown State	5	7	12	Murray State	3	3	14
Tennessee State	2	5	9	Tennessee Tech	3	3	10
Tennessee Tech	2	4	8	Austin Peay	2	5	4
Morehead State	0	8	4	Tennessee State	0	7	0

## If postseason play calls, Bruce Stewart answers

**By Tony Stinnett**  
Editor in Chief

In the most simple terms, the Blue Raider basketball team can be referred to as the team that Bruce built. Bruce Stewart that is.

When the highly successful coach took over the reins of the Blue Raider team in 1984, he took over a program that was once rich in tradition and had fallen on hard times — a program that was in search of a leader to take them back to the promised land. Stewart was that man.

When the MTSU athletic committee named Stewart the 16th basketball coach in Raider history, little did they know that they had put someone in the position to build a dynasty. Stewart took over a team

that had a combined record of 18-36 over the previous two seasons. He knew the road ahead would be a tough one and immediately started his climb to the top.

In Stewart's first season, 1984, the Raiders posted a 17-14 record. They captured the OVC tournament championship that season and the automatic bid into the NCAA tourney. The 1984 season was a preview of things to come.

In 1985, the Raiders compiled a 23-11 record and tied with Akron for the OVC championship. They also gained an invitation to the National Invitational tournament. The Raiders' 23 wins tied a school record for victories in a single season.

Things only got better for the Raiders in 1987. Stewart had con-

structed a team that captured the OVC championship and gained the league's first ever at-large bid into the NCAA tourney. In only three seasons Stewart built one of the most dominant teams in the OVC.

This season is nothing new. The Raiders sport a 13-7 record and are 4-2 in the OVC. — one-half of a game out of first place.

Success is nothing new to Stewart, however. "Stewart coached" teams have become a trademark in national tourneys. He has had a team in a national tournament every year that he has coached.

The fact is that one can't help but respect Stewart's climb to success. It hasn't been easy. He had

Only once in his coaching career has Stewart failed to win 20 games in a single season. That one time was his rebuilding year at MTSU with 17 wins.

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## Blue

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But there was no one standout in the contest. Several players contributed to the Raiders' cause.

Phil Snell was perfect for the night, hitting five of five from the field, including three from beyond the three-point arc. Snell ended the evening with 15 points.

Randy Henry was another vital cog in the Raider scheme. Henry hit seven of 11 from the field and added a free throw to chip in 15 points. Henry led the Raiders with nine rebounds.

Gerald Harris put together another excellent outing, scoring 10 points, getting five assists and three steals.

Freshman reserve Steve Rogers was also hot for the Raiders, hitting for eight points in only 15 minutes of play.

Rogers added a towering break-away slam dunk as time expired to allow the Raiders to hit the century mark for the third time this season.

"I was really pleased with our guys' effort," Stewart said. "Several guys contributed off the bench. It wasn't definitely a team — it was a one-man show."

MTSU scorched the nets for a 60 percent clip in the first half. The Raiders didn't cool off much in the second half as they finished the game hitting 59.7 percent for the game. The Raiders were also seven of 12 from beyond the three point line.

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## Music store owner keeps strings sounding sweet

Rembold's Piano and String Shop, just off the Square, became the fourth piano and sales store in Murfreesboro after opening last April.

Although he retails Classic Player Pianos and Chickering Pianos, a great deal of Dan Rembold's business is buying used pianos and restoring them for resale in his store and for his clients.

Rembold earned a bachelor's of art degree from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music. However, he

believes that apprenticeship is the best way to master this exacting trade.

Before opening his own shop, Rembold apprenticed with his father-in-law at Antiques of Note. There he expanded his skills as a tuner and restorer.

Jerry Clevenger has been Rembold's apprentice for six months. He bought a Thompson upright piano from Rembold when he first started, and practices what he learns on it.

Not only does Rembold teach people how to fix pianos—he also teaches students how to play them. Since he has 19 students, lessons take up a great deal of his time. He teaches both the piano and guitar, but has more piano students.

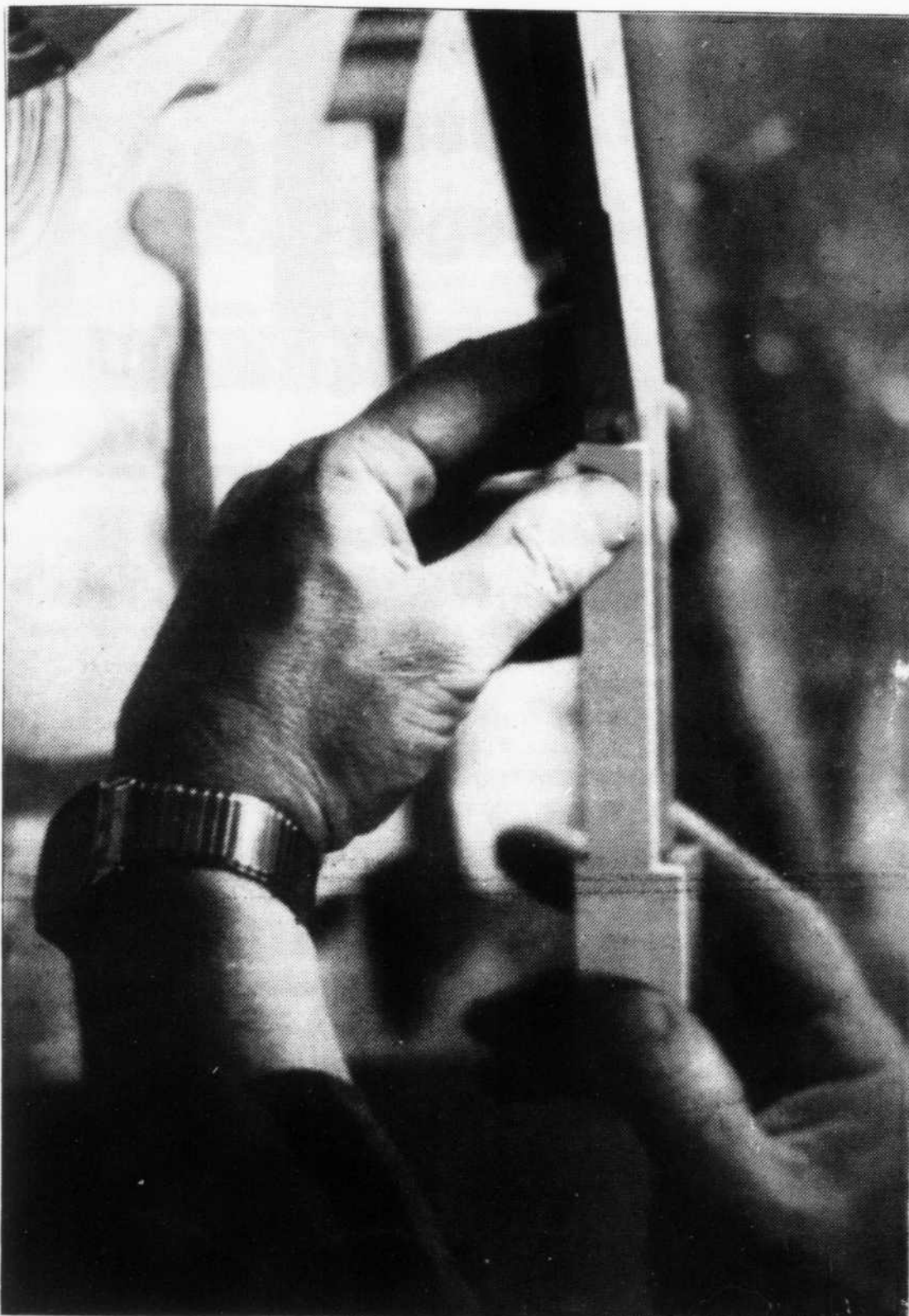
Rembold is already making plans for the future. His six-year-old son has shown interest in pianos, and Rembold says he'll take him on as an apprentice when he is a little older.



Mary Dunkerly attempts to master Bach at Rembold's shop. Once a week, Mary and her two sisters attend piano lessons there.



In addition to his piano lessons, Rembold also teaches guitar. Here he helps Wendy Warren, a student at Oakland High School.



Dan Rembold replaces an ivory, part of the time-consuming process of restoring a piano. Keys must often be replaced since they discolor with age.



"What you do to a piano once, you have to do 88 times," Jerry Clevenger, Rembold's apprentice, said. One of the steps in the restoration process, shown above, is removing worn felt from the piano's key hammers.

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